NO CHANGE NOTED IN ANCONA CASE

State Department Expects Austria's Reply to Note Within Few Days.

DELAY IN SETTLEMENT REGARDED AS POSSIBLE

Vienna Government Believed to Contemplate Diplomatic Effort to Avoid National Humiliation.

According to State Department off cials today there have been no develcase, but the reply of the Vienna gov States for prompt disavowal and reparation for the destruction of the Italian steamer apparently is expected

within the next few days. It is understood the Austrian charge has asked Secretary Lansing, informally, for copies of the evidence regarding the disaster on which the American demands are based as a necessary pre liminary to action by the Austrian government, on the theory that it does not with evidence accessible to the the submarine commander.

Would Delay Settlement.

Whether that course will be followed is not known, but the raising of such an issue undoubtedly would lead to further correspondence and delay the settlement of the issue to that extent.

The State Department probably will accept the explanation made by Baron Erich Zwiedinek, charge of the Austro Hungarian embassy here, regarding a letter he wrote to the Austro-Hunga rian consul general in New York sug gesting that neutral passports be bought to assist reservists in this country to reach Austria-Hungary country to reach Austria-Hungary. The letter was written while Dr. Constan-tin Dumba, the recalled ambassador, was in charge of the embassy.

Baron Zwiedinek's Explanation.

Baron Zwiedinek called upon Secretary Lansing the day after it was published and explained that he was a subordinate official at the time and was acting under the instructions of Dr. Dumba. Secretary Lansing did no indicate what his view would be, but it is learned that there is no disposition at the department to question the charge's statement that he was not responsible for the letter.

DROPS NORTHWESTERN.

Illinois Plays Colgate, Kansas and Perdue Elevens Instead. CHAMPAIGN, Ill., December 15 .- Col-

gate, Kansas and Purdue universities ar the new teams on the University of Illinois foot ball schedule for 1916, as announced today. Northwestern, for the first time in years, will not play Illinois

While proposals for games from Dartmouth and Pennsylvania were con-sidered, Illinois was unable to find a place on its schedule for a big eastern

The schedule follows: October 7 Kansas at Illinois; October 14—Colgate Illinois; October 21, Ohio at Illinois ctober 28. Purdue at Lafayette; November 4, Minnesota at Minneapolis November 18, Chicago at Illinois, and November 25, Wisconsin at Madison.

PERSECUTION IS CHARGED.

Protest at State Department in Behalf of Clergy in Mexico. Systematic persecution of the clergy

in Mexico, authorized by government officials since the recognition of Carranza and in violation of his pledge of religious tolerance, is charged in a pro test made to Secretary Lansing by Mgr Francis Kelly of Chicago. It is alleged that a decree has been issued in the state of Yucatan requiring all priests to marry and to work eight hours a day in the public offices on pain of expulsion. In northern Mexico, it is said, priests have been declared ineligible to own property, even their homes being confiscated. conflecated.

Mgr. Kelly denies that the Catholic Church is antagonistic to Carranza or ever had engaged in politics.

TEST OF NEW FIRE APPARATUS

Is Made by District Commissioners Brownlow and Kutz.

Inspection was made by Commission-

er Brownlow and Engineer Commis-sioner Kutz today of a gasoline pumping engine and a combination motor emical engine and hose wagon which have just been purchased and will be added to the District's fire-fighting equipment. The new apparatus will be be photographed. nstalled at No. 28 engine house, now seing constructed at Connecticut ave-sue and Macomb street. In their estimates, now before Congress, the Com missioners ask for nineteen pieces of motor fire apparatus, to cost slightly in excess of \$100,000.

G. W. HEIM'S TRIAL BEGINS.

Is Charged With Improper Relations With Schoolgirl.

George W. Heim was placed on trial today before Justice Siddons and a jury in Criminal Division 2 to answer an in dictment charging that he sustained improper relations with Carrie T. Wenger, seventeen years old, a student in the high schools, last April. Heim in the high schools, last April. Helm is married and his wife sat beside him in the courtroom while the girl told of his lovemaking and his efforts to get her to leave Washington with him.

Attorney M. E. O'Brien for the defense reserved his opening statement. Assistant United States Attorneys Arth and Hawken are conducting the proseand Hawken are conducting the prose

Navajo Blanket for Wedding Gift. Vice President and Mrs. Marshall have presented a Navajo Indian blanket to President Wilson and Mrs. Galt as a wedding gift.

John W. Billups Injured.

John W. Billups, eighty-one years old, 2129 1st street northwest, was knocked down by a motor truck while crossing at the intersection of New York avenue and North Capitol street this afternoon, and seriously hurt. His this atternoon, and seriously nurt. His shoulder was fractured, one or more ribs probably broken and his lung, it is stated, may be injured. He was taken to Homeopathic Hospital. The injured man is father-in-law of Capt. C. E. E. Flather of the eighth police precinct. Physicians at the hospital say his condition is serious.

The Weather a Year Age Today: Gear. Temperature, High, 20°. Low, 11 member Lauxive Bromo Quinine cures a c ene day. There is only one "Bromo Quining the reignature E. W. GROVE. 25c.—Adu-ment.

EXPECTS 1916 DEFICIT TO TOTAL \$81,525,500

Support of Extending War

Treasury estimates are that receipts from all sources in the calendar year spondent at Athens of the Milan Secol 1916 will fail to meet all disbursements, deficit, by \$81,525,500.

These estimates are cited by the House ways and means committee majority report, filed today, on the emergency revenue law extension, as evidencing the necessity of additional taxation to take care of the loss in ustoms, internal revenue and postal

\$6,800,000 a Month. The report on the year's extension of

the emergency revenue law until De-cember 31, 1916, unless otherwise oments with respect to the Ancona changed by coming general revenue legislation, says the law was passed to ernment to the demands of the United cover revenue losses mainly due to the European war at a time when it was thought the war would be over by January 1, 1916, but that "the end of the war is still beyond sight and the Treasury will need the additional revenue contemplated." It is estimated that the extension of the law would provide \$6,800,000 per month.

Slump in Internal Revenues. The report says the revenue from dis

tilled spirits, fermented liquors and to-bacco decreased \$25,000,000 in the fiscal year 1915 as compared with the previous Austrian government in the absence of fiscal year and adds that the Treasury estimates of ordinary internal revenue re ceipts for the fiscal year ending June 30 1916, are \$272,000,000 as compared with \$283,398,760, collected the last fiscal year "thus indicating a further anticipated revenue reduction from this source of more than \$11,000,000."

Both party leaders have warned all members to be in their seats in the House tomorrow in anticipation of a lively party fight over the extension measure, the en-actment of which, however, by the en-of this week Majority Leader Kitchin of the House says is certain.

Republicans to Enter Protest.

The republicans of the House will not allow the emergency war tax to be ex-tended by action in that body without a protest on their part which will al-low their best speakers to voice themselves in regard to the Underwood selves in regard to the Underwood tariff. Following the adoption of the Kitchin resolution to extend the emergency tax to December 13, 1916, Representative Moore of Pennsylvania and Representative Fordney of Michigan, ranking republicans on the ways and means committee, held a conference, at which it was decided that a minority report should be submitted to the House.

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Representative Fordney, in discussing the proposed report, said:

"We will show that it is not the European war which has depleted the Treasury, but the democratic tariff. In the first eight months of 1914 our imports were \$55,000,000 greater than the period corresponding in 1913, but our revenues were \$770,000,000 less. This plainly shows that with a proper tariff our revenues would not need patching."

LINCOLN MEMORIAL CHANGES.

Committee Orders More Ornamenta-

tion Than Planned Originally. The Lincoln memorial committee held meeting at the Senate office building today and authorized some important changes in the construction of the memorial building. It was found that the appropriation permitted of further ornamentation of the structure and a resolution was adopted providing

One feature will be the substitution of bronze columns for cement and another will be a series of marble steps forming the approach to the memorial. Those present were former Senator Blackburn, former Gov. Samuel W. Mc-Call of Massachusetts, Senator Martin Viceinia former Speaker Cannon and of Virginia, former Speaker Cannon an Speaker Champ Clark.

FRANK BAKER FOR SALE.

Mack, manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, arrived today and announced that J. Frank Baker, third baseman of his team, would be sold to the high est bidder at the American League

"There has been so much talk about Frank Baker," said the Philadelphia menager, "that I am tired of it. I have decided to sell him to the highest have decided to sell him to the highest bidder at this meeting."

Among those who have expressed a desire to add Baker to their clubs are Comiskey of the Chicago White Sox and the management of the New York American League base ball club.

But It's "Too Late to Cry," William Turner Asserts.

"I have made my peace with God." said William Turner, colored horse trainer, who yesterday confessed the killing of F. C. Avery, owner of the pacing stallion Acey Danford, at Gainesville, Fla., this morning, when he appeared at police headquarters to

"It's too late to cry," he added. "I killed Mr. Avery, but if I had known the chop-ax was going to strike him I preparation, when the jar containing never would have thrown it."



Only 8 more Shopping Days before Christmas. Do your shopping now early in the day. and

TWO WARSHIPS SUNK BY BRITISH, IS CLAIM

Treasury Estimates Submitted in German Submarine and Turkish Torpedo Boat Reported Victims.

PARIS, December 15 .- The corresays a German submarine has been ncluding a ten-million-dollar postal sunk in the Black sea off the Bulgarian port of Varna, and that a Turkish torpedo boat has been sunk in the Sea of

Marmora by the British.

The Turkish cruiser Sultan Selim, formerly the German warship Goeben, came out into the Black sea, the correspondent adds, and was torpedoed, though the vessel was not seriously damaged.

RECOMMENDS DISMISSAL OF DR. H. J. HAISELDEN

Council of Chicago Medical Society Finds Physician Who Allowed Baby to Die Guilty of Unethical Conduct.

CHICAGO, December 15 .- The counci of the Chicago Medical Society, in a finding made public, recommends to the society that Dr. H. J. Haiselden, who advised against operating on the Bollinger baby, be expelled from the society.

The Bollinger baby was born, in the opinion of Dr. Haiselden, with every prospect, if the faint life in it per sisted, of developing into a hopeless invalid and imbecile. An operation might have saved its life, but the parents agreed with the

surgeon that it should not be performed, and the infant was allowed to Guilty of Unethical Conduct.

This, however, was not the charge rought against the doctor. A series of articles under his name dealing with this case and the subject of eugenics of Mrs. Chatfield Taylor and Mrs. Regigenerally appeared after the demise of the baby a few weeks ago, and for to bring his wife out of Monastir

SCANDAL IS STIRRED UP IN FRENCH CONTRACTS

Relations Between War Ministry and Individuals Aired by Chamber of Deputies.

PARIS. December 15 .- During the de bate in the chamber of deputies yesterday severe criticism was made of relations between the war ministry and certain individuals who are selling supplies to the government. It was asserted the ministry had dealt with persons whose sole occupation hitherto had consisted in frequenting pleasure resorts at night and there picking up customers. These persons, it was said, we're regarded as worthy to furnish shoes, clothing and cannon.

SAYS GERMANS ARE LOYAL.

Martin Wiegand Resents "Aspersions" Cast by the President.

Connie Mack Announces He Will Go
to Highest Bidder.

CHICAGO, Ill., December 15.—Connie
Mack, manager of the Philadelphia
Mack Manager of the Philadelphia
Mac United States who were born in an other part of the world.

"We are all Americans," he said, "and I will venture to say that there is not a man present tonight who would not take up arms for the United States in the event of wrongful attack by Germany."

many."
Election of officers resulted as follows: President, Martin Wiegand; first vice president, W. Ruckdaeschel; second vice president, E. Amelung; third vice president, G. Alt; fourth vice president, L. Beauverd; fifth vice president, Carl C. Brown; secretary, Gustave Bender, and treasurer, Carl Hammel

CLOSE CALL WITH ACIDS.

Jar Containing Chemicals Breaks and Two Firemen Are Burned.

Assistant Engineer A. L. Hancock and Private P. A. Davis of No. 7 en gine company yesterday met with an accident which came near blinding them. Private Davis was preparing to fill an extinguisher with a chemica the fluid fell, broke and spattered its

tives Cole and Simpson, who arrested him, Turner explained that after striking the horse owner he left him lying on the ground and started toward the city. He returned in about thirty minutes and found he had died.

"I then dug a shallow grave in a stall in the stable, wrapped the body in a piece of canvas and burled it."

It is probable that an office from Gainesville will reach here tonight with papers for the prisoner.

Contents over his face.

He was fortunate enough to close his eyes and prevent the destruction of his sight. The acid burned the entire surface of his face, however, and his face probably will be disfigured for life. Hancock was standing nearby when the accident happened. He sustained painful burns, and his trousers were ruined. Davis was taken to Emergency Hospital.

MAY ASK GUARANTEES

Britain Wants Assurance That Cotton Will Not Reach Germany.

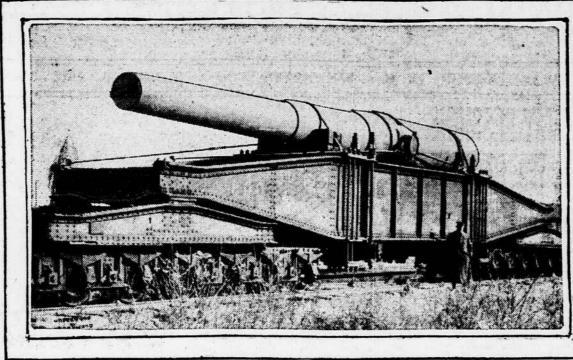
Great Britain probably will ask the United States to obtain guarantees that the cargo of cotton carried by the steamer Ausable, which sailed Sunday from Galveston, Tex., for Copenhagen, will not be permitted to reach Germany or Austria. The British foreign office has agreed not to molest vessels of the American Transatlantic line, to which the Ausable be-longs, pending test prize court pro-ceedings in the cases of the Hocking and Genesee, to dispose of the charge that the company is partly German-It is indicated at the British embassy

that this agreement may not be con-sidered binding as to the Ausable un-less assurances are given as to the ultimate destination of her cargo of cotton, which is on the British contra-band list.

No Pictures of President's Wedding. It is announced officially today at the White House that no protographers will be allowed to take pictures at the oming wedding of Mrs. Galt and President Wilson.

Shoe Factory Destroyed by Fire. NEWARK, N. J., December 15.—The Boyden shoe factory here was destroyed by fire today, with a loss estimated at \$200,000. Firemen fought the blaze for three hours.

BIGGEST GUN IN THE WORLD, TO BE USED AT PANAMA CANAL, READY FOR WAR OFFICIALLY REPORTED URGES U. S. MAKE



capable of throwing a projectile twenty-one miles. The gun proper weighs 200 tons, and was made at Water vliet, N. Y. It was shipped to Watertown, Mass., to have the carriage fitted. Several times along the way its weight spreads the rails. It was next shipped to Sandy Hook proving ground on a train of specially constructed car-

AMERICAN WOMAN HELD BY BULGARS AT MONASTIR

Walter Farwell Is Denied Permission to Communicate With His Wife.

BY RICHARD HARDING DAVIS. Special Cablegram to The Ster.

SALONIKI, December 13.-Walter Farwell of Chicago and Texas, brother nald de Koven, left here three days ago

these he was charged with unethical conduct and found guilty.

The sessions of the council were secret, but Dr. Haiselden is said to have set up the defense that for 2,000 years physicians have subscribed to a policy of secrecy on subjects which ought to be published for the enlightenment of the public.

The decision of the council was unanimous. Dr. A. Augustus O'Neill, president-elect of the society, said that the report would come before the society for final action the second Tuesday of January, thus giving Dr. Haiselden a month to prepare his case for protest or appeal. Tonight Mr. Farwell arrived here, turned back by the Bulgars, ten miles from Monastir, in spite of the fact that he was accompanied by Mr. Loughlin, agent of the American Red Cross Sanitary Corps, and was bearing credentials from our consul. Mr. Farwell was held one day while his request was telegraphed to Sofia, during which period he assisted in burying Serblan dead. His request that he be permitted to send a note to his wife was refused. He will not attempt to get her out from Sofia. (Copyright, 1915, by Richard Harding Davis.)

WILLARD AND FULTON SIGN.

Will Meet for Heavyweight Championship Title at New Orleans.

CHICAGO, December 15 .- Articles of agreement binding Jess Willard, the world's heavyweight champion pugilist, to a match March 4 at New Orleans with Fred Fulton of Rochester, Minn., for the world's championship, were signed here today.

GUARDIANS TO ORGANIZE.

Meeting Scheduled for This Afternoon, Following Reappointments. Following the reappointment of Maj.

Raymond W. Pullman, Mrs. Walter S. Uf. ford and Rev. Dr. Louis Stern as members of the board of children's guardians, that body will meet this afternoon at the District building to elect

Another Term for Mr. McChord. C. C. McChord, whose term as a mem

ber of the interstate commerce commission expires this week, will be reappointed by President Wilson. Mr McChord at present is chairman of the

Brooklyn Post Office Contest.

The contest over the appointment of a postmaster at Brooklyn, N. Y., was laid before President Wilson today by Postmaster General Burleson. Representative Fitzgerald and other congressmen from Brooklyn districts have gressmen from Brooklyn districts have united in recommending Peter J. Cleary. The Brooklyn delegation has been given to understand that the Postmaster General is against Cleary and for Walter C. Burton, now in the post office.

JAPANS POLICY IN CHINA SNOW LIKELY TOMORROW, EXPLAINED BY EMBASSY

Statement Issued Giving the Reasons for Advising Against Change to Monarchy.

Japan's policy toward China is the subject of a formal statement issued y the Japanese embassy here, declaring that China was advised to postpone a change in her form of government only with the view of avoiding "any untoward development in the far east which might add one more disturbing element to the already complicated world situation," and denying reports that Japan is being used as a base of Sun Yat Sen's activities against the posed monarchy in China.

Answers Press Comments.

"Certain reports and comments, calculated to damage in the eyes of the American public the integrity and sincerity of Japan in her Chinese policy, cerity of Japan in her Chinese policy,"
says the statement, "have appeared in
some of the New York papers of the
10th and 11th instant. The imputations
they convey may possibly have their
origin in a simple fact of Japan's participation in an advice recently addressed to China by the entente powers to postpone-a change in the form
of government.

The advise was dictated by the simplest and purest of motives—that is,
to avoid particularly at this time any
untoward development in the far east
which might add one more disturbing
element to the already complicated
world situation. Nothing more nor
less.

"The Japanese embassy has received from Tokyo a cable dispatch which authorizes it to state that from no quarter in Japan have arms been supplied or assistance in any form been given to the revolutionary elements in China, nor has any instigation been attempted. The allegations that Japan is being "The allegations that Japan is being used as a base of activities by Sun Yat-sen, and that the Japanese are actively co-operating with him, are equally unfounded and untrue, to the best knowledge of the Japanese government, which is taking every meas-

ernment, which is taking every meas-ure of precaution against such at tempts.
"The reports such as that the Japa year's work.

The other members of the board are monarchical movement would succeed Percival Hall, Mrs. Thomas H. Carter, if something were not done quickly, or William Knowles Cooper, Mrs. Ernest P. Bicknell, George E. Fleming and Tunked to Tokyo December 1, saying that the monarchical movement would succeed if something were not done quickly, or that the Japanese warships are being P. Bicknell, George E. Fleming and Tunked to Spanese warships are being that the Japanese warships are being rushed to Shanghai, can only be characterized as wild, and hardly merit refutation."

league resolutions were adopted looking with favor upon Henry Ford's peace expedition and any and all efforts toward the shortening of the devastating strife in Europe.

"Legal Ethics" Theme of Address.

"Legal Ethics" were discussed by former Chief Justice Robinson of the sur-preme court of West Virginia before White Senate of Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity, at the fraternity house las evening. He urged his auditors to put their profession above a commercial basis.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS.

House:

Miscellaneous business considered. Ways and means committee submits majority report urging a year's extension of emergency revenue

FRENCH ADVANCE GUARD SCOUTING THROUGH FOREST IN

SEARCH OF ENEMY.

Not in session.

WEATHER BUREAU SAYS

Thermometer Registered 23 Above Zero Last Night-Ice Forms on River.

The weather bureau forecasts "prob able snow" for tomorrow, with slight ly higher temperature. Last night was pretty cold in Washington-23 degrees above zero. Trains from the north are still coming in slightly behind schedule. In spite of the heavy northwest winds

more ice formed on the river last night than has formed any night so far this season. Rivermen are comforting themselves, however, with the old say ing that a freeze in December means

ing that a freeze in December means a thaw in January, and heavy ice seldom follows the January thaw.

This morning the Georgetown channel was frozen from shore to shore, but the ice was thin and offered no obstruction to the tugboats. Along the shore ice an inch or more in thickness formed. Capt. R. B. Reed, master of the steamer Wakefield, which reached here this morning, reports having run into thin, ice from Glymont to Alexandria. Between Alexandria and this city there was plenty of open water, but several patches of ice more than an inch thick were found. These had drifted off the flats and out of the mouth of Four-Mile run. Little or no ice made in the harbor, and except along its southeastern side, there was no ice this morning on the tidal basin. All the smaller fresh-water creeks tributary to the Potomac are covered with ice varying in thickness from an inch and a half to three inches.

ANTI-WAR LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Addresses Scheduled for Meetings at Public Library and Bethesda.

S. J. McFarren is scheduled to speak a meeting of the Anti-War League of the District of Columbia this evening at 8 o'clock at the Public Library ing at 8 o'clock at the Public Library. William V. Mahoney, secretary of the league, also is to speak, his talk dealing with the plan of preparedness for this country.

Rev. Martin L. O'Donoghue and William V. Mahoney are announced to speak at a peace meeting tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock at Wilson's Hall, Bethesda, Md., under the auspices of the league. In their addresses they will take a stand against preparedness and

take a stand against preparedness and At a recent business meeting of the

Hayden Johnson Appointed.

Hayden Johnson has been selected by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia in general term as a member of the examining committee of applicants for membership to the bar. Mr. Johnson succeeds Edward H. Thomas on the committee. The subjects over which Mr. Johnson will have control are contracts, ballments, agency and negotiable instruments. Mr. Johnson will have his first duties to perform next Thursday when the examination for membership of the the examination for membership of the par begins at Georgetown University Law

Elks Give an Oyster Roast. Washington Lodge of Elks, at its

At 2:13 p.m. the House adjourned until tomorrow noon. house, 919 H street northwest, last evening, entertained about 500 guests, and was entertained in turn by the Kallipolis Grotto Military Band and piano selections by F. G. Crossman. l tomorrow noon Senate:



incident during a recent fight in the Argonne forest just before the snow came. This particular wood had chi hands several times. Lately the French had hombarded it with their heavy guns, and the photo shows the first French advance guard creeping through the wood, fro a which it was believed the Germans had been driven.

GERMAN STATEMENT.

BERLIN, December 15, via Londo 3:03 p.m.: in the western theater: An English steamer which ran ashore Decembe

13 off La Canne was attacked yester day by our aviators with visible suc

The enemy, who dispatched severs aeroplane squadrons to Bapaume an Peronne, to Lorraine and to Mull-heim, in Baden, lost in aerial en-gagements and under the fire of our anti-aircraft guns four aeroplane including one high-power aeroplan with two motors. n the eastern theater: There is noth

ing to report.

In the Balkan theater: To the southwest of Plevije the enemy was driven back across the Tara river. Farther to the east he was driven across the Grab-Brodarevo line. Several hundred men were taken prisoners.

FRENCH STATEMENT.

PARIS, December 15, 3:40 p.m.: Last night was relatively quiet. Ther was fighting with hand grenades i the Artois district and in the sec tecler farm. Between the Olse an the Aisne heavy French shells cause the explosion of a depot of German munitions at a point to the north of Puisaleine, in the region of Tracy le

val.

n the Vosges, at Ban de Sapt, French
batteries directed their fire against
certain of the enemy's workmen who
were endeavoring to repair the
trenches shattered by our bombard-

ment of yesterday.

addition to these bombardments reported yesterday our aviators during the day of the 14th ade many flights in pursuit of enemy aviators. One of our aviators made an attack below Schlettstadt, Alsace, on an enbelow Schlettstadt, Alsace, on an en-emy machine, which was put to rout. Two others engaged in combat three albatrosses within the line of the enemy in the Artols. One albatross was compelled to land. Finally one of our squadrons, in con-junction with British aviators, bom-barded the aviation field of the Ger-mans at Hervilly, in the Somme.

ITALIAN STATEMENT.

ROME, December 14, via London, De During the 13th the enemy continue to bombard persistently our posi-

plied effectively.
here is nothing further to report. AUSTRIAN STATEMENT. VIENNA, December 14, via London, De

tions along the Isonzo front. We re

cember 15: The Russian war theater: There nothing to report. Italian war theater: In Giudicaria the Italian activity continues. Some minor attacks have been repulsed.

siderable activity east and north-

CONSTANTINOPLE, via London, De There is no news from the Irak front. on the Caucasian front surprise at

pulsed.

tacks at several points were re-

On the Dardanelles front an enemy ar near Anafarta. Our artillery replied, successfully bombarding the enemy trenches and batteries. Near Ari Burnu there have been severe bombings and artillery combats. Near Seddul Bahr Saturday night the enemy fired a large number of shells against our left wing. Sunday, after firing for hours bombs and aerial torpedoes against the same wing, the enemy attempted an attack, which completely collapsed under the fire of our artillery. The enemy was forced to retreat to his own trenches, with great losses.

Georgetown with lighters laden with sand and gravel from Notley Hall, did; tug Jeff delivered oyster-shell-laden lighter at Alexandria crushing laden lighter at Alexandri with great losses.

Another Turkish official statement dated December 14 and passing through

London today says:

London today says:

Irak front (in Mesopotamia): The activity of the enemy's artillery near Kut-El-Amara daily is decreasing owing to our violent counter-fire. As a consequence of successful attacks our troops have approached closely the enemy's main positions. Caucasian front: There have been only outpost skirmishes.

Dardanelles front: Our artillery successfully bombarded the enemy's positions near Anafarta, and hostile ships near Kemikle Liman, compelling the vessels to withdraw. Near Ari Burnu there has been minethrowing activity and rather violent though intermittent artillery duels. Near Seddul-Bahr there has been bomb and air torpedo fighting. Our artillery shelled a hostile howitzer battery and blew up its munition medepot.

Monday there was violent bomb fightand there was votent outs ing against our trenches in the cen-ter. Our artillery successfully shelled the enemy artillery positions and de-stroyed a block house and two bridges across the Kerevizdere.

Unwelcome White House Caller.

Michael J. Ryan, a stalwart ironwork er of Philadelphia, visited the White House this morning about 12:30 o'clock to see the President. He met Policeman Edward Horne near the front en trance, and said he wanted to see Mr. Wilson and get something the latter had promised him four years ago when he (Ryan) was in the army. Ryan paricipated in a struggle with Sergt. J. D. McQuade when he realized that the latter had him under arrest. He was taken to Washington Asylum Hospital for observation as to his mental condi-tion.

Curtiss Aero Co. Closes Big Contract. NEW YORK, December 15 .- It was said in the financial district today that the Curtiss Aeroplane Company has closed a contract with the British gov-ernment for \$15,000,000 worth of aeroplanes. In the fiscal year ended October 31 last the company produced more than \$6,000,000 worth of aero-planes and motors, most of which went to the British government.

New York Lawyer Alleged Suicide. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., December 15 .ide by shooting in a hotel here yes terday was identified today as that of Clarence Winter, a lawyer of New York. Ill health is believed to have prompted him to end his life.

Hopewell Fire Not Incendiary.

Preliminary reports from Department f Justice agents who investigated the recent confiagration at Hopewell, Va., ndicate that it was not the work of an incendiary, and practically dispose of the matter, so far as the department is concerned.

WAR MATERIALS

Representative Tavenner Delivers First Preparedness Speech in the House.

Representative Tavenner of Illinois, n the first preparedness speech of the ession in the House, today urged government manufacture of all war materials and attacked the Navy League. which is working for preparedness, as being composed in part of men who profit by the sale of war munitions. Since 1887, Mr. Tavenner declared, four firms in the United States have virtually had a monopoly on war orders, dividing approximately \$175,000,-000 for wares that might have been produced at from 20 to 60 per cent

cheaper in government arsenals or avy yards. Would Make War Unprofitable. "War," he said, "is unprofitable to save the war-trading mongers Why not make war unprofitable even to them by taking all profit out of war and preparation for war? Con-gress can do it easily by manufactur-

ing its own munitions and ships."

Col. Robert M. Thompson, president of the Navy League, Mr. Tavenner sald, is chairman of the board of disaid, is Chairman of the board of di-rectors of the International Nickel Company, the directorate of which in-terlocks with that of the United States Steel Company and the Midvale Steel and Ordnance Company. Both of the latter have dealt largely in war orders.

Mentions Morgan's Name. Representative Tavenner also de-

lared that J. P. Morgan and many of his associates are. or have been suporters of the league. Among presen or former business associates of Mr. Morgan named by Representative Tavenner are Mr. Morgan's brother-in-law, Herbert L. Satterlee; Edward T. Stotesbury, Robert Bacon, Henry C. Frick, Jacob H. Schiff, J. Ogden Ar-mour, Cleveland H. Dodge and Joseph P. Grace. The late J. P. Morgan was one of the founders of the league, he declared.

ALONG THE RIVER FRONT. Schooner Bertha May, in the Eastern

branch, from a Maryland point with portion of Gorizia on the road to cord wood for dealers; schooner S. C. portion of Gorizia on the road to Colbourn, oysters from Potomac beds, at 11th street wharf for the market; outheastern war theater: Southeast of United States Army engineer service Plevije (Montenegro) our troops stormed Montenegrin positions on Vrana Gora. In the sector of Berane we captured 2,300 additional prisoners. Old Point; steamer Three Rivers, from Field Marshal French reports that
Tuesday our artillery bombarded
Dommecourt, enemy trenches east of
Givenchy and the village of Le Mesnil. Hostile artillery showed con-

Schooner Oscar, light, for Mattex siderable activity east and northeast of Ypres, to which our artillery
replied with vigor.

Monday night we bombed one of the
enemy trenches at Le Touquet, just
west of the River Lys, with hand
grenades, causing great confusion in
a trench which appeared to
strongly held.

The weather continues bright and cold.

TURKISH STATEMENT.

Schooner Uscar, light, for Mattex
creek to lay up for the winter;
schooner J. R. Dixon, light, for the
lower Potomac to load oysters for the
market here; steamer Southland, for
market here; steamer Southland, for
and Washington Steamboat Company;
steamer Wetherill, for Fort Hunt and
Fort Washington with army stores
and passengers; fiattle, no name, from
Alexandria for a lower river point to
load.

Tugs and Tows.

Tug John Miller left for Swan creek with lighters to load brickmaking clay; tug Bohemia is reported on her way to this city with barges; tug James O. Carter has taken mored cruiser, assisted by an observa- up work under charter on the James tion balloon, bombarded our positions river; tug Walter F. Meade arrived at near Anafarta. Our artillery replied, Georgetown with lighters laden with

orders; schooner Grape Shot has been taken to the Eastern branch to unload cargo of pine wood; schooner Mary Lee of this city has sailed from a bay point for the Rappahannock to load lumber; schooner Hallie K. is due here lumber; schooner Hallie K. is due here from the lower Potomac with oysters for the market; schooner Josephine Keas is lying out of service here waiting the opening of Occoquan creek to navigation; schooner L. J. Marvel is reported at Norfolk en route here with lumber from North Carolina.

FOUR ALLIED AEROS

BROUGHT DOWN, CLAIM BERLIN, December 15, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y .- Four allied aeroplanes. including one battle plane with two motors, were brought down by German anti-aircraft guns, the war office announced today, during raids on Bapaume and Peronne, in France, and Vulheim, Baden. A successful attack on an English

steamship was made by German avia-

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tors.

ficial communication just issued here describe the destruction of a large German seaplane off the Belgian coast. No trace of the pilot, passenger or ma-chine could be found. All Clerks May Get Half Holidays. It is probable that practically all the departments of the government will grant half holidays Friday, December

24, and Friday, December 31, although

decisions have not been reached as

yet except at the Treasury Department and the department of Agricul-ture. The privilege is customary, how-ever, and no doubt the rule will be followed this year.

WHAT CAUSES COLDS?

This question is asked every day A cold is really a fever, not always caused by the weather but often due to disordered blood or lack of important food-elements. In changing seasons fat-foods are essential because they distribute heat by enriching the blood and so render the system better able to withstand the varying elements. This is the important reason why Scott's Emulsion should always be taken for colds, and it does more builds strength to prevent sickness.

Scott's Emulsion contains nature's rare strength building fats, so skill-fully blended that the blood profits from every drop. It is free from harmful drugs or alcohol. Sold at drug stores-always get the genuine. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J. Advertisement. 15-28